

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting Held May 18, 2010
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

1. Call Meeting to Order at 3:02pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. Chair, Council Member Randi Shade
2. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez
3. Council Member Laura Morrison

2. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 5th, 2010.

Motion by Council Member Morrison to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. Second by Council Member Shade. Motion Carried.

3. Citizen Communications

Joan Bartz spoke on the issue of rogue group homes. Though she credited the work of the city task force and HHSD Asst. Director Shannon Jones she hopes more will be done.

4. Presentation on the 2010 Community Action Network (CAN) Dashboard Report (Vanessa Sarria, CAN Executive Director)

Vanessa Sarria described the efforts of the Community Action Network (CAN) to the Subcommittee. The CAN has selected 16 social indicators as a way to measure the progress of our community. She described the next steps for CAN as a retreat and adoption of the 2011 Work Plan. She intends for the Dashboard Report be an annual task of the CAN. No action taken by the PHHS.

5. No Sit, No Lie Ordinance issues (Richard Troxell, President, House the Homeless National Coalition for the Homeless)

Richard Troxell presented to the Subcommittee his concerns regarding the No Sit, No Lie proposed Ordinance. No action taken by the PHHS. Staff intends to update the PHHS at the July meeting.

6. Receive Staff Update on the Plan for Social Service Contracts and Take Appropriate Action (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department and Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director of Human Services).

Staff presented to the Subcommittee on the work of social services priority setting, including survey work with Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and Seattle, Washington. Staff also presented a draft time line. Council Morrison asked, where does Human Services fit with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Shade expressed concern as to the shape of staff's final recommendation and report. It was decided there would be a Worksession to further discuss the issue and finalize in June.

7. Status Report on Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes and Take Appropriate Action (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department)

David Lurie presented an update on Recommendation Plan progress. Most recommendations have either completed are in progress. CM Martinez asked that the Subcommittee receive more information than is currently in the progress report, and to make sure it is current. Bruce Mills was introduced as the Interim Assistant Director of Animal Services.

8. Staff Update on Communities Putting Prevention to Work Tobacco Grant and Take Appropriate Action (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department and Dr. Philip Huang, Medical Director, Health & Human Services Department).

David Lurie and Dr. Phil Huang described the award of \$7.5 million to the Health and Human services Department for tobacco abatement efforts in the Austin/Travis County area. Austin was one of 44 communities to be awarded these stimulus dollars across the country. They described interdepartmental agreements with other city departments including Planning and Development Review, and Parks and Recreation. Staff intends to come back to the Subcommittee at their June meeting for sanction of the grant RCAs.

9. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 or at the call of the committee chair.

10. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, Chair Shade declared the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Adjourn MOTION by MPT Martinez, Second by CM Morrison, Motion Carried.

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